

A U X A R M E S !

DIPLOMANIA Supplement ---- NFFG Games Bureau Diplomacy Division ---- Issue No. 9
Editor and Publisher: Don Miller - - - - - 25 November 1970
The Journal of HYPERECONOMIC DIPLOMACY (Postal Dippy Game DMK) - - This is WAR!!!

All recipients should pay particular attention to the ballot results on pages 2-4, as well as to the misc. remarks/comments on this page and on page 7.

In Brief --

All persons who failed to respond to the ballot distributed about 1½ months ago to all DMK players, and those persons who responded but wanted out of game, will find a large red "X" by their name on the address page of this issue. This means that this is the last issue of AUX ARMES! you will receive, unless you complete and return the enclosed ballot.

Also, even if you do (or have) respond(ed), and the last issue on your sub is #9 (denoted on the address page by a "W-9", you must at least send 25¢ for issue #10 if you wish to continue in game (and an additional 75¢ for issues 11-14 at a later date if final decision, based on results of enclosed ballot, is to continue game).

Deadline for return of enclosed ballot (date of receipt) is Dec. 31; if ballot is not returned by that date, you are out of game, and you forfeit remainder of AUX ARMES! sub (if any). This is your last chance!

Issue #10 of AUX ARMES! will come out in early Jan., will be 10 pages (or less, if game is to be discontinued) in length, and will contain remainder of WOL propaganda/press releases, answers to questions asked with WOL moves, W.O.R.L.D. re-organization news, new country assignments and holdings/seasonal yields, rule revisions, and anything else necessary to get game restarted. Persons who do not return the enclosed ballot by Dec. 31 will not receive #10 or subsequent issues.

Future issues of AA! will be 10 pages in length, mailed via 1st-class, and monthly. Subs will be adjusted accordingly. Deadlines will be bi-monthly.

NOTE: We do not wish to continue this game unless the players really want us to. Therefore, unless you are going to stay in until the game is completed, and unless you are going to submit moves whenever called for, participate in all W.O.R.L.D. votes, etc., we hope that you will return your ballots with choice (2) checked. The point is that this game is a real time-killer for us, very difficult to run (and expensive!), and we would just as soon not waste time on it if the players are going to approach it in a half-hearted manner. So think, before you answer.... (If game continues, we may get one or more stand-by players, to submit moves for any country they choose, their moves to be used, and said player to take over play of country (by "coup") if the original player should miss his moves....) (Applications for such "stand-by" players now being accepted....)

All treaties published in issues 4-9 of AUX ARMES! are still considered valid and in force, as are all "SECRET" treaties received by GM, unless subsequently invalidated by signatories. Secretary-General, please pick up all published treaties and assign them registration numbers, publishing a list in AUX ARMES! #10. This will accomplish the registration of past treaties more efficiently than having the players send them to you individually. New governments, note effective treaties.

See page 7 for info on some of the prospective changes in Hyperec III.

DIPLOMANIA

% D. Miller

12315 Judson Road
Wheaton, Maryland
U.S.A. 20906

TO:

Bob Johnson (A)(T)
P.O. Box 134
Winnepeg, N.J., 07471



FIRST CLASS MAIL

FIRST CLASS MAIL

RESULTS OF RECENT BALLOTING RE FATE OF GAME DMK

Of the 56 people receiving AUX ARMES!, ballots were returned by only 20 -- a much poorer showing than we expected! Those persons returning their ballots, and their choices, were as follows: (remember, (1) was "Keep the game going, regardless", (2) was "Keep the game going, as long as no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the current players drop out", (3) was "Abandon the game, regardless, and: A. Transfer my remaining fee to Peter Ansoff, for his game . . .; B. Transfer my remaining fee to Games Bureau credit, or _____; C. Give me a cash refund of my fee; D. Sign me up for Hyperec III, and apply my fee thereto . . .", (4) was "I chose 1/2, but if game is abandoned, then A/B/C/D (circle appropriate #/ltr)", and (5) was "Other: _____"):

NAME	LASTISH ON AA! SUB	CHOICE(S) (in order of pref.)	COUNTRY
Dan Alderson	14	1(B)	BELGIUM, Terr.
Peter Ansoff	15	1(D)	(Revolutionary)
Douglas Beyerlein	9 (owes \$1)	2(D)	MOROCCO
Steve Bobker	19	1(D), 1(B)	DANMARK, Terr.
Ed Buchman	12 (owes \$1)	1(B)	FRANCE, Terr.
Sid Cochran	15	2,5 (will sub for minor cntry)	Subber
Ritchie Dean	17	2(A)	AUSTRALIA
Cole Harrison	24	2(D)	RUSSIA, Terr.
Chris Hawkins	9	3	BOSNIA/BALK.
R. Wayne Høheisel	14 (now 9)	3(B-Donation)	SWEDEN
Jeff Key	Trade(?)	1(D)	ARGENTINA, etc.
Bill Linden	24	1(D), 2,3	RUMANIA/BALK.
Jerry Pournelle	14	1(B)	PORTUGAL, Terr.
Dave Lindsay	12 (now 9)	3(B)	Unassigned
Helmut Schlange	12 (owes \$1)	1(D)	OTTOMAN EMP.
Larry St. Cyr	19	3(B), 2,1	A-H, Terr.
Brenton Ver Ploeg	10 (now 9)	3(B)	CUBA
Rod Walker	Trade	1(D)	AZTEC EMP., etc.
Pat Wilson	12 (owes \$1)	1(A)	SERVIA, Terr.
Jeff Wolfe	12 (owes \$1)	1(D)	Secty. Genr'l
Don Miller	N/A	N/A	GM, VATICAN)

(Note that the "owes \$1" means that your sub ends before #14, and therefore, IAW instructions in AA!#8, should be renewed with your moves for S01 season (or at least prior to the S01 deadline) if the game continues.)

Not responding to the ballot, and therefore, as stated on the ballot, resulting in their immediate removal from the game, plus forfeiture of all rights to return of game fee, subscription money, etc., are the following (in case some of you failed to receive a ballot, or we failed to receive your reply, you get a second--and final--chance to respond -- if you want back into game, you must return enclosed ballot no later than Dec. 31, 1970 (date of receipt), with all info requested thereon)(number after name indicates lastish on AA! sub if you do return this second ballot; for meaning of "plus \$1", see "Note" following above listing):

Pam Bumgardner (9; plus \$1) (COLOMBIA)	Tom Heyde (10; plus \$1) (Revolutionary)
Jim Boskey (9; plus \$1) (ARABIA)	Steve Hueston (9; plus \$1) (MONTENEGRO)
Steve Bruce (11; plus \$1) (ECUADOR)	Bob Johnson (Trade) (GREECE)
Jim Carey (9; plus \$1) (VENEZUELA)	Eric Just (9; plus \$1) (BULGARIA, Terr.)
Chuck Carey (14) (SPAIN, Terr.)	Larry Justus (10; plus \$1) (URUGUAY)
Steve Cartier (34) (ITALY, Terr.)	David May (12; plus \$1) (BOLIVIA)
Phil Cohen (10) (Subber)	Dave Montgomery (12; plus \$1) (PERU)
Marge Gemignani (14) (HOLLAND)	Andy Phillips (Trade) (NORWAY)
Harry Gullett (12; plus \$1) (PERSIA)	Ken Porter (19) (UNITED REPUBLIC, etc.)
Bob Hall (10; plus \$1) (CHILE)	Dick Reiter (19) (GERMANY, Terr., S-H)
Ed Halle (10; plus \$1) (Revolutionary)	George Schelz (9; plus \$1) (U.S.A.)
Don Hetsko (11; plus \$1) (Unassigned)	(Cont. next page)

(Note also that JAPAN is still unplayed, and several traders failed to respond)

Actually, although there were a large number of dropouts, by far the largest percentage occurred in the Off-Board nations and Revolutionaries, thus leaving a core of on-board players for continuing play. By types of country, players are:

PUPPET STATES, & other On-Board "Nations"

OFF-BOARD NATIONSMISCELLANEOUS

If the game were to continue, one possible division of the "spoils" might be as follows (assuming none of the players who signified a willingness to continue drops out, and players such as Beyerlein and Wilson would be willing to make the change from a Minor Neutral to a Major Power) (comments on this line-up would be appreciated):

Dan Alderson -- BELGIUM, BELGIAN TERRITORY, HOLLAND
Doug Beyerlein -- UNITED REPUBLIC, ALBION, MEDITERRANIA
Steve Bobker -- DANMARK, NORWAY, SWEDEN, DANMARK TERRITORY
Ed Buchman -- FRANCE, FRENCH TERRITORY
Ritchie Dean* -- (?) AUSTRALIA (?) Or maybe a combination of Off-Board nations
(like "South America", "Asia", etc.)

4

Sid Cochran* -- SWITZERLAND (?)
 Cole Harrison -- RUSSIA, RUSSIAN TERRITORY, CARPATHIA (w/St.Cyr)
 Jeff Key -- ARGENTINA, REPUBLIC OF TEXAS
 Bill Linden -- BALKANIA (BOSNIA, RUMANIA), BULGARIA, BULGARIAN TERRITORY, GREECE, SERBIA, SERBIAN TERRITORY, MONTENEGRO
 Don Miller -- Gamesmaster, THE VATICAN
 Jerry Pournelle -- PORTUGAL, PORTUGUESE TERRITORY, SPAIN, MOROCCO, ITALY, ITALIAN TERRITORY
 Helmut Schlange -- OTTOMAN EMPIRE, PERSIA, ARABIA
 Larry St.Cyr -- AUSTRIA-HUNGARY, A-H TERRITORY, CARPATHIS (w/Harrison)
 Rod Walker -- AZTEC EMPIRE, BYZANTINE EMPIRE
 Pat Wilson -- GERMANY, GERMAN TERRITORY, SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN
 Peter Ansoff -- Revolutionary (possibly Henry Plantagenet)
 And there are the following groupings of "Off-Board" nations, all "open" at moment, but one of which may be played by Dean:
 SOUTH AMERICA -- Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.
 ASIA -- China, Japan.
 USA/PACIFIC -- Australia, Tonga, U.S.A. (incl. Cuba)

The above groupings would allow player-holdings to as closely as possible still resemble, in terms of region and character, the countries they were originally playing. Where several Minor Neutrals are grouped together (such as in the Balkans), they could all function as single provinces of one larger nation. Ditto for Major Neutrals. And so on. (For combined Yields of new "nations", refer to Listing later in this of A.A.!: ditto for combined end-of-1901 Holdings (you'll have to add indiv. totals together....); listing will be published if game is to continue and country-groupings end up as above.) #### Also note that W.O.R.L.D. memberships could still continue on the basis of the original nations -- thus, Bobker, e.g., could get 3 votes in W.O.R.L.D., as he controls Danmark, Norway, and Sweden, ea. of which had 1 vote under orig. set-up. (Thus making up in voting strength what he lacks in military and economic punch.)

Entire list of rule changes and new procedures to be implemented if game is to continue with reduced complement of players is not yet ready (will be pubbed only if result of vote allows continuance of game). A few changes already decided upon are as follows:

1. S.G. will head all W.O.R.L.D. Councils & Committees. He will handle all W.O.R.L.D. votes, and will rule on all W.O.R.L.D. procedural matters. He will maintain a list of all registered treaties, as before. Results of votes will be pubbed in A.A.!, rather than in separate 'zine. Ballots will be sent out with A.A.!
2. A.A! will appear monthly, and will be a maximum of 10 pages per issue so it may be sent out 1st-class. Deadlines will be two months apart for moves, three weeks for votes. First issue of A.A! after move deadline will contain move results, business of W.O.R.L.D., short O:Decl. (we will not publish Treaties in their entirety, but only summaries prepared by player and sent along as part of Treaty as below), and whatever else there is room for. Second issue of A.A! after deadline will contain corrections to first issue, propaganda and press releases, W.O.R.L.D. Business, and the like.
3. Sub rates will be adjusted to reflect 10-page A.A! after new postage rates are announced.
4. All treaties are to be sent in their entirety, signed by all players involved, to both G.M. and S.G. for registration (or, in case of SECRET Treaties, to G.M. only). Along with Treaties sent for Registration must be short summary of Treaty, signed by all players involved, for publication (giving gist of Treaty for public knowledge).
5. Some of the rules and procedures will be simplified to expedite game and ease G.M.'s task. Some short cuts will be taken (such as establishment of World Bank thru G.M. directive rather than W.O.R.L.D. action) to get things moving again.
6. Any suggestions from the players re #5, above, are most welcome.

MID-WINTER 1901 STATUS OF HYPEREC NATIONS

The following represents the status of the various nations in game DMK following the post-WINTER, 1901 ballot recently sent to all DMK players. Info on units on board, R's, Research Status, L's, and Y's appeared in AUX ARMES! #8.

NATION	PLAYER	SEASONAL Ag & I YIELDS	END OF WOL BALANCE
ALBION (Puppet State of United Republic) $\frac{1}{4}$ of Kent (1/1), $\frac{1}{4}$ of Wales (1/2)	(open)	2/3	2/5/3/4 (\$/M/Ag/I)
ARABIA (Minor Neutral)	(open)	1/0	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4/0
ARGENTINA (Off-Board; WORLD Member) (also Bank of Argentina:	(Key)	5/2	2/5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /15/4 44/0/0/0)
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Major Power) Austria (2/6), Bohemia (8/8), Hungary (5/2), Trieste (3/3)	(St.Cyr)	18/19	79 $\frac{1}{4}$ /93 $\frac{1}{2}$ /45/30
A-H Territory (Captured) Venetia (4/4) (captured FOO), Apulia (4/1) (captured WOL)	(St.Cyr)	8/5	0/0/2/4
AUSTRALIA (Off-Board; not WORLD Member)	(Dean)	2/1	2/2/5/2
AZTEC EMPIRE (Off-Board; WORLD Member) (Formerly MEXICO)	(Walker)	5/2	3/5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /10/2
BALKANIA (Minor Neutral) (Formed by union of BOSNIA & RUMANIA at latter part of WOL) Bosnia (1/1) ($\frac{1}{4}$ of former A-H prov. of Bosnia), Rumania (5/4) (also Bank of Rumania:	(Linden)	6/5	10/15/28/3 10/0/0/0)
BELGIUM (Major Neutral)	(Alderson)	5/10	21 $\frac{1}{2}$ /16/32/65
BELG Territory (by Cessation) Calabria (8/2) (Ceded by ITALY WOL)	(Alderson)		
BOLIVIA (Off-Board; not WORLD Member)	(open)	2/1	2/2/5/2
BRAZIL (Off-Board; WORLD Member)	(open)	5/2	3/5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /12/7
BULGARIA (Minor Neutral) (also Invested with GM:	(open)	2/1	1/6 $\frac{1}{2}$ /7/7 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ /0/0/0)
BULG Territory (by Cessation) Thrace (4/2) (Ceded by OTTOMAN EMPIRE WOL)	(open)	4/2	0/0/2/1
BYZANTINE EMPIRE (AZTEC Territory, by Cess.) (Ceded to AZTEC EMPIRE by OTTOMAN EMPIRE, to be eff. Sol)	(Walker)	8/2	0/60/14/2
Ankara (1/1), Assyria (1/0), Israel (2/0), Sumeria (1/0), Syria (2/0), Trebizond (1/1)			
CARPATHIA (Puppet State) Galicia (8/2), Poland (6/2), Transylvania (2/6), Ukraina (8/2)	(St.Cyr & Harrison)	24/12	0/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /12/12
CHILE (Off-Board; not WORLD Member)	(open)	2/1	2/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4/3
CHINA (Off-Board; WORLD Member)	(open)	5/2	3/5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /12/6
COLOMBIA (Off-Board; WORLD Member)	(open)	5/2	5/5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /10/7
CUBA (Off-Board; not WORLD Member)	(open)	2/1	0/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4/2
DANMARK (Minor Neutral) (also Invested with GM: (also Bank of Denmark:	(Bobker)	2/2	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ /3 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5/4 5/0/0/0) 5/0/0/0)
DANM Territory (Orig. / by Exploration) Greenland (0/1) (Settled WOL), Iceland (1/0) (Original Territory)	(Bobker)	1/1	0/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ /11/1
ECUADOR (Off-Board; not WORLD Member)	(open)	2/1	2/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4/3
FRANCE (Major Power) Avignon (4/2), Brittany (6/2), Corsica (4/0), Gascony (6/2) (Note presence of Revolution in Gascony), Orleans (4/4), Picardy (2/8)	(Buchman)	26/18	93/86 $\frac{1}{2}$ /43/32
FRA Territory (Orig. / by Cessation) Algeria (2/0) (Orig. Terr.), Piedmont (4/6) (Ceded by ITALY WOL), Tunis (1/0) (Orig.)	(Buchman)	7/6	6/14/16/6
GERMANY (Major Power) Bavaria (8/6), Hanover (4/9), Pomerania (8/3), Prussia (2/8), Ruhr (3/8), Silesia (4/6)	(open)	29/40	124 $\frac{1}{2}$ /108 $\frac{1}{2}$ /66/180

GER Territory (Captured)	(open)	8/4	0/0/0/0
Burgundy (8/4) (Captured WOL)			
GREECE (Minor Neutral)	(open)	2/1	0/5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /10/5
HOLLAND (Major Neutral)	(open)	4/8	35/11/16/52
ITALY (Major Power)	(open)	7/1	49/71 $\frac{1}{2}$ /28/47
(also Invested with GM:			29/0/0/0)
Sardinia (2/0), Sicily (5/1)			
ITA Territory (Captured)	(open)	4/4	0/0/0/0
Tyrolia (4/4) (Captured WOL)			
JAPAN (Off-Board; WORLD Member)	(open)	5/2	5/5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /14/11
MEDITERRANEA (Territory of United Republic)	(open)	3/1	62/29 $\frac{1}{2}$ /28/14
Cyprus (2/1) (Orig. Terr.), Egypt (1/0) (Orig.), Gibraltar (0/0) (Orig.)			
MONTENEGRO (Minor Neutral)	(open)	2/0	0/4 $\frac{1}{2}$ /7/0
(also Bank of Montenegro:			11/0/0/0)
MOROCCO (Minor Neutral)	(Beyerlein)	2/0	2/ $\frac{1}{2}$ /7/0
(also Bank of Morocco:			0/0/0/0)
NORWAY (Major Neutral)	(open)	5/3	16/4/17/20
Thulia (2/2), Tromso (1/0), Trondjeim (2/1)			
OTTOMAN EMPIRE (Major Power)	(Schlange)	3/0	85 $\frac{1}{2}$ /48 $\frac{1}{2}$ /82/36
(Formerly TURKEY)			
Candia (2/0), Tripoli (1/0)			
PARAGUAY (Off-Board; <u>not</u> WORLD Member)	(open)	2/1	1/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4/3
PERSIA (Major Neutral)	(open)	4/2	6/5/15/10
(also Invested with GM:			32 $\frac{1}{2}$ /0/5/0)
Anshan (0/1), Astrabad (1/0), Azerbaijan (1/0), Laristan (1/1), Rayy (0/0), Zagros (1/0)			
PERU (Off-Board; <u>not</u> WORLD Member)	(open)	2/1	2/2/5/2
PORTUGAL (Major Neutral)	(Pournelle)	6/1	4/11/20/6
PORT Territory (by Cessation)	(Pournelle)	4/4	0/0/2/4
Tuscany (Ceded by ITALY WOL) (4/4)			
RUSSIA (Major Power)	(Harrison)	40/16	78 $\frac{1}{2}$ /301 $\frac{1}{2}$ /61/41
Archangel (4/1), Caucasia (1/2), Crimea (4/1), Finland (6/1), Kharkov (4/2), Livonia (6/2), Novgorod (5/2), Siberia (4/2), Turkestan (2/1), Vologda (4/2)			
RUS Territory (Captured & by Exploration)	(Harrison)	12/10	0/1/6/1
Adana (2/2) (Captured WOL), Adrianopole (6/6) (Captured WOL), Armenia (4/1) (Captured FOO), Novaya Zemlya (Settled WOL) (0/1)			
SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN (Puppet State of GERMANY)	(open)	2/3	2/8 $\frac{1}{2}$ /7/8
SERVIA (Minor Neutral)	(Wilson)	2/2	0/4 $\frac{1}{2}$ /6/12
(also Invested with GM:			32 $\frac{1}{2}$ /0/0/0)
SERV Territory (by Cessation)	(Wilson)	4/2	0/0/2/2
Albania (4/2) (Ceded by OTTOMAN EMPIRE WOL)			
SPAIN (Major Neutral)	(open)	12/7	19/43/24/72
(also Invested with GM:			10/0/0/0)
Andalucia (4/3), Aragon (4/2), Castile (4/2)			
SPAN Territory (by Cessation)	(open)	-	-
(Did consist of Apulia, Ceded by ITALY WOL, but Captured by A-H WOL)			
SVERIGE (Sweden) (Major Neutral)	(open)	5/4	$\frac{1}{2}$ /13/17/22
(also Invested with GM:			31 $\frac{1}{2}$ /0/5/9)
(also Bank of Sverige:			13/0/0/0)
Gothland (2/1), Norrland (1/1), Svealand (2/2)			
SWITZERLAND (Major Neutral)	(open)	2/4	7/7/7/25
(also Invested with GM:			32 $\frac{1}{2}$ /0/0/9)
TEXAS REPUBLIC (formed from part of USA) (Key)	(Not yet established)		
(Formation to be effective SOL) (Off-Board Puppet State of Argentina)			
TONGA (Off-Board; <u>not</u> a WORLD member)	(open)	2/1	2/2/5/2

UNITED REPUBLIC (Major Power)	(open)	15/30	31/91½/31/52
(Formerly UNITED KINGDOM)			
(also Invested with GM:			31/0/0/0)
Aberdeen (4/4), Clyde (1/6), Ireland (4/2), 3/4 of Kent (1/3), Lancashire (2/8),			
3/4 of Wales (1/6), Yorkshire (2/1)			
URUGUAY (Off-Board; not WORLD Member)	(open)	2/1	0/2½/4/2
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Off-Board; WORLD)	(open)	5/2	1/5½/12/9
THE VATICAN (Special Status On-Board)	(Miller)	0/0	5/0/0/0
("The Church")			
VATI Territory (by Cession)	(Miller)	(1/2)	(0/0/1/2)
Rome (1/2) (Ceded by ITALY WOI)			
VENEZUELA (Off-Board; WORLD Member)	(open)	5/3	6/5½/10/8

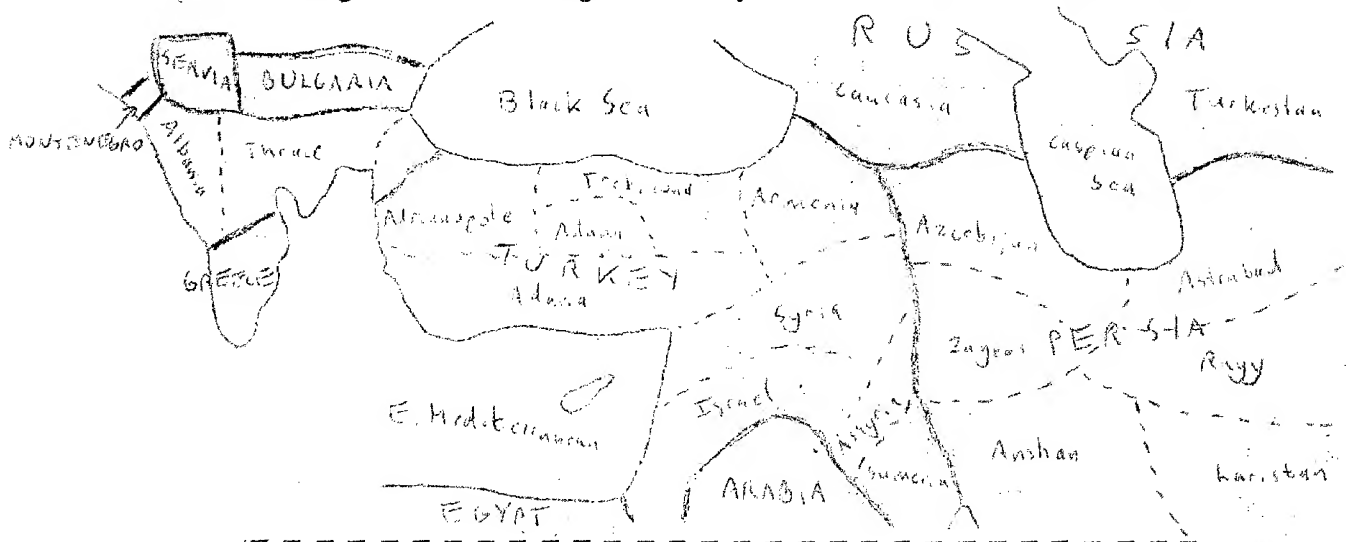
None of the Revolutionaries or Unassigned Players responded, so "Henry Platagenet" (who has a revolution going in the FRENCH Province of Gascony, eff. WOI), is "open".

Non-players who responded were Peter Ansoff, who wants to play a Revolutionary, and Subscriber Sid Cochran, who will play a Minor Neutral.

Note in the above listing that Province Yields reflect assigned Research Factors as part of the yield of the province to which assigned.

MAP REVISION

Below appears a redrawing of the TURKEY/PERSIA area, reflecting the new province set-up resulting from the changes made by these nations in their orders of WOI:



HYPERECONOMIC III -- A few of the major differences between it & HYPERECONOMIC I:

(1) Deadlines: 2 months/season. (2) AUX ARMES!: 10 pp., monthly, 1st-class. (3) Boards: European Area (for military conflicts, etc.), more than one, overlapping map, for better resolution, terrain, building of roads & railroads, etc. (possibly with hex or other grid design for battles); World (for economic warfare, mining (gold, etc.), fishing, exploration, colonization, sea-battles & blockades, piracy, etc., with more realistic economics for Off-Board nations. (4) Rules: W.O.R.L.D. built into structure of game from start; 3 ways to win (militarily, economically, & politically (last by amassing of political points thru W.O.R.L.D. activity, getting one's bills passed, etc.)); simplification (essence of game retained, but easier to GM & play); Rules formalized from start (rule changes during game reduced to those which occur as function of basic rules (e.g., "inventions")); W.O.R.L.D. Charter simplified (basic W.O.R.L.D. rules in game rules, with players allowed to write own W.O.R.L.D. Charter as long as said Charter recognizes & incorporates W.O.R.L.D. rules included in basic game rules); most Gold to stay in game; regional, limited disasters; etc.

ARGENTINA -- AGREEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

I. Be it hereby known that the Republic of Argentina, not desirous of achieving the status of a nation with colonial territory, does grant the territories ceded to the Republic by the Treaty of Mérida total and absolute independence.

II. These territories properly consist of the entire former American state of Texas, together with all territories ceded or sold by the Republic/State of Texas to the United States in 1850 and the entire state of Oklahoma (sometimes known as the Indian Territories).

III. The granting of independence of the territory enumerated in Article II shall be understood not to impair in any way the economic, military, and other standing of the Republic of Argentina in the game of Hypereconomic Diplomacy. All economic factors available to the independent territories must be only those which are inherent to the territories, or those for which they conduct free trade.

IV. That the newly independent territories shall henceforth be known as the Republic of Texas.

V. That, in order to enhance the potential for growth within the Republic of Texas, The Bank of the Republic of Argentina will open a branch office within the Republic of Texas.

VI. That, in view of the current unpreparedness of the Republic of Texas to counter possible foreign aggression, The Republic of Argentina hereby agrees to guarantee the integrity of the Republic of Texas for the next five years.

DONE AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN, in the Republic of Texas, on the 26th of June, 1901 A.D.

/s/ Jeff Key /s/ Jeff Key /s/ Jeff Key
FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS FOR THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA FOR THE BANK OF THE REPUBLIC

ARGENTINA/AZTEC EMPIRE -- TREATY OF ALLIANCE

I. The High Contracting Parties, the Aztec Empire of México and the Republic of Argentina, hereby contract an offensive and defensive alliance.

II. The Aztec Empire of México cedes to the Republic of Argentina the entire former American state of Texas, together with all territories ceded by the Republic/State of Texas to the United States in 1850 and the entire state of Oklahoma. This transfer is subject to the limitations of the Treaty of Nogales, Article V, but is otherwise without condition or limitation.

III. The Republic of Argentina recognizes the sovereignty of the Aztec Empire, in condominium with the United States, over the former Republic of Nicaragua.

IV. The High Contracting Parties agree to a defensive alliance against any incursions into the Western Hemisphere.

DONE AT THE CITY OF MERIDA, in Yucatan, on the 5th of June, 1901 A.D.

/s/ Jeff Key /s/ R.C. Walker
FOR THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA FOR THE AZTEC EMPIRE OF MÉXICO

AZTEC EMPIRE -- The Aztec Empire of Mexico hereby rejects the so-called "Pax Americanus Omni", owing to the offensive language of Article II.

AZTEC EMPIRE/UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -- TREATY OF ALLIANCE

I. The United States of America and the Aztec Empire of Mexico hereby enter into a treaty of perpetual friendship and alliance for the purpose of rectifying all previous misunderstandings and cooperating in the economic development of the Western Hemisphere.

II. The United States of America hereby retrocedes to Mexico the States of California, Nevada, Utah, Oklahoma, and Texas and the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico, together with such portions of the States of Wyoming and Colorado lying west and south of the Treaty Line of 1819, and the southwest corner of the State of Kansas

also lying across the Treaty Line of 1819. All cessions and sales of territory made by the Republic of Mexico to the Republic of Texas or to the United States of America are hereby nullified.

III. The Aztec Empire of Mexico hereby recognizes in perpetuity all American rights and claims to the Oregon Country, the Louisiana Purchase, East and West Florida, Cuba, and all other lands acquired against Spanish claims since 1783.

IV. The United States and Mexico renounce the use of military force in the settlement of any disputes which may arise between them.

V. The retrocession of territory enumerated in Article II shall be understood not to impair in any way the economic, military, or other standing of the United States in Hypereconomic Diplomacy, and all calculations of such factors by the Gamesmaster shall be made as if the United States still owned the retroceded territories. The United States may abrogate this article unilaterally.

VI. The United States and Mexico hereby proclaim their joint sovereignty over the former Republic of Nicaragua, and shall jointly assume responsibility for the administration of that State until such time as both shall agree to reestablish its independence.

VII. The United States and Mexico shall jointly build and administer a canal across Nicaragua, through Lake Nicaragua, including a Canal Zone which shall extend northward from the Nicaragua-Costa Rica border to a line drawn 25 miles north of the canal route, and including the entire shore of Lake Nicaragua to a depth of 10 miles. Mexico shall finance the entire canal-building operation and the canal shall be operated by American administrative personnel. Mexico and the United States shall share equally in any profits realized from operation of the canal.

DONE AT THE CITY OF NOGALES, on the Fifth of May, 1901 A.D.

/s/ George Schelz, Jr.
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

/s/ R.C. Walker
FOR THE AZTEC EMPIRE OF MEXICO

PARAGUAY/LACE -- Under the provisions of Article VIII of the Treaty of Punta Del Este, Summer 1900, the nation of Paraguay declares its intention to accede to the Articles of Trade and Navigation and thereby become a full and equal partner within LACE.

APPLICANT /s/ Sidney M. Witt, III RATIFICATION BY LACE /s/ Jeff Key

TONGA -- PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE

I, George, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Tonga, do hereby declare the Independence of this glorious Nation, granted this day by the peaceful isles of Great Britain, and do herewith set forth as leader of my country on a mission of peace, brotherhood, friendship, and progress. We of Tonga welcome all men as brothers, all nations as equals, and all rulers as sovereign, and pledge ourselves to a mutual quest for the betterment of our future. We ask for recognition and solicit exchanges of ambassadors. We welcome trade enquiries, and look forward to long and prosperous relations with all nations. Long live Tonga.

-- GEORGE

TONGA/UNITED KINGDOM -- TREATY

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED NATIONS OF THE WORLD, committed to the furtherance of peace, self-determination, and prosperity for all mankind, do hereby willingly and openly enter into this Treaty between us, in which it is set forth that the British Protectorate of the Kingdom of Tonga is granted its total and unconditional independence.

WHEREAS the Kingdom of Tonga has long demonstrated its peaceful interests and progressive intentions in dealing with its own citizens and with other nations, and

WHEREAS the Kingdom of Tonga has shown itself able to manage and control its own international and internal affairs, and

WHEREAS the Parliament of the Kingdom of Tonga has formally petitioned Great Britain, in an Act passed on 22 October 1901, and signed and sealed by His Majesty, George, Sovereign of Tonga, on 24 October 1901, that an Act of Independence be granted;

NOW THEREFORE DO WE, Great Britain and Tonga, agree, subscribe, and consent to this Act of Independence, wherewith

THE KINGDOM OF TONGA is granted its full sovereign independence of and from Great Britain, in acceptance and acknowledgement of which Tonga forswears for all time hostile action or intent against Great Britain, and Britain against Tonga,

AND whereby Tonga and Great Britain accord in mutual recognition and exchange of Ambassadors, and do concur in mutual guarantees of the property rights of all citizens of both nations in both territories,

AND whereby Tonga and Great Britain declare and subscribe to a par-value trade privilege for both, in which all goods and services of both nations may be traded and accepted on an equal, one-for-one level, without restriction based on tariff or customs assessment.

IN PEACE AND IN FRIENDSHIP IS IT WRITTEN.

Done in London this 20th day of December, 1901, by our hands:

/s/ Marquis of Salisbury
For Great Britain

/s/ George (CvM)
For Tonga

PROPAGANDA/PRESS RELEASES FOR WINTER, 1901

Arabia -- The civil disorder declared by the gamesmaster to exist in Arabia is prodigiously exaggerated. The Arabian government has played an active role in WORLD each season where this has been called for, and the minor rebellion which took place during the past year has been completely quelled. Sheik Shillyshally declares that Arabia shall return to its former situation as a major economic power in the course of the game, although it has no intention of involving itself in military conquests of any sort.

Austin, Texas (27 June 1901) -- The new president of the Republic of Texas, S.F.A. Smith, today formally applied for membership in the W.O.R.L.D. as one of the first acts of the newly independent Republic. In his announcement, he cited the vast importance of the W.O.R.L.D. as a peacekeeping force and called upon all of the nations of the Earth to support the organization's efforts.

Bosnia -- The Governor of Bosnia wishes to assure all states which had treaties with the former state of Bosnia that these treaties will be honored by Balkania as under Article XVI section I of the Constitution of Balkania. ##### While the Governor of Bosnia favors world peace, he recognizes that it is sometimes necessary for a Major Power to use force to insure the security of its borders against other Major Powers. It is hoped, however, that a general European War will not break out. The Governor of Bosnia also welcomes correspondence from any state over matters of mutual interest.
-- C. Hawkins/Governor of Bosnia

Buenos Aires, Argentina (21 June 1901) -- The Directors of the Bank of the Republic (of Argentina) today announced their plans to establish a branch office in the Republic of Texas. The new bank, to be named the Bank of the Republic (of Texas), will be a first for the world, as never before has a branch of a National Bank been located outside of that country. ##### A spokesman for the Board of Directors stated that the decision to locate a branch in the Republic of Texas was made as part of the bank's long-range plans to provide more and better services to its patrons. It is hoped that the location of a branch in North America will increase the convenience of using the bank for customers in that area. ##### Plans are reported underway to locate additional branch offices in Europe and Southeast Asia, if satisfactory locations could be found. ##### In order to facilitate world trade, the new Bank of the Republic (of Texas) plans to utilize the same gold credits (ks) as are already in widespread international use--those issued by the Bank of the Republic (of Argentina). That currency issued by the new bank will differ only in having the word "TEXAS" inscribed on the face of the bill.

((Remainder of WOI propaganda will appear in AUX ARMES! #10. -- GM))